DESIGN STUDIO WORKSHOP A
Bachelor of Architecture Design Elective, Semester 1 or 2
ARCH 6303

BRIEF UTOPIA

An intensive design studio to explore the potential of the temporary use of a range of vacant buildings, with a focus on student housing and allied uses. (You are the client!)

The CRASH strategies will be expounded by Col James on a one day bus tour of CRASH sites around Sydney, including the following:

- SES site at Bronte – 2 year occupation and CRASH precedent.
- Balmain Squat – occupied office building and heritage item with waterfront and adjacent park.
- Camperdown, Orphan Creek – cottage and studio, a live site available for occupation now.
- Glebe Abbey – lapsed use with potential sale for 140 student housing units and multi-purpose training facility, includes 3 heritage buildings.
- USYD Settlement – Hall and yard, Darlington.
- CUB Site, Broadway – multiple buildings, partly squatted, see also TAFE students’ work on interior fitouts at Enmore.
- Various Shop-Top housing sites, nearby Newtown, Darlington, Redfern, etc – engaging the designer as a detective searching for clues.
- CRASH snack at the Cardboard House, Sydney Olympic Park – cardboard food (pizzas) and cardboard wine and juice (Bortoli & bulk Nudies).

- Meet with CRASH volunteers and form project groups.

RESOURCES

NSW Chapter RAIA have a group of young professional architects, CRASH volunteers, keen to resource small teams (4 max.) on a selected project. Chairperson - Alex Matyear. Studio timing and place determined by groups.

DATES – (BY NEGOTIATION)

Week 2  Bus trip, group composition and prepared brief. Submission to Col for parity.
Week 3  Resource meeting, all groups.
Week x  Intensive studios, old tin sheds and elsewhere. Interim exhibition with each other.
Week z  Exhibition opening, PR, prizes, press releases, media mania, cardboard models, fancy dress appropriate to schemes.

Col James will be available 0.5 day/week at the BLOCK studio, opposite Redfern Station.

Col James, July 2005